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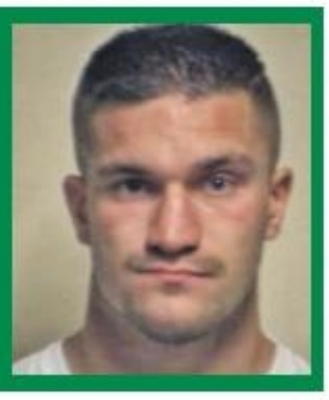

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AWE workers strike over pension change

Hundreds honour our heroes

• *Servicemen from the Armed Forces, both past and present, pay their respects at the Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary's Church, in Old Basing (Picture by Tony Tuck)*

BASINGSTOKE and Deane's residents came together as one last week to pay their respects to those who sacrificed their lives to keep them safe.

They turned out in their hundreds to honour the borough's war heroes at a number of services to mark both Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

A flypast from an RAF Odiham Chinook, a drum-led parade through the centre of Basingstoke, and services detailing the sacrifices of the nation's finest were attended by people of all ages on Friday and Sunday.

See page 5 for full story.

By Christian Wilson

THE Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has been told to "honour its pension promise" to staff by angry workers.

About 600 members of staff at the nuclear deterrent manufacturer staged a 24-hour strike on Monday at its sites in Aldermaston and Burghfield.

They are angry at the company's decision to replace its pension scheme with a new defined contribution alternative that would mean AWE contribute 17 per cent less than before.

This prompted trade unions Unite and Prospect to both ballot members in November on whether they should strike, with the workers voting in favour of action by 92 and 87 per cent, respectively.

The employees turned out in their hundreds on Monday to picket both of AWE's sites, while members then embarked on a protest march.

• *The workers attend a meeting*

Speaking at a rally at the Aldermaston site, Unite regional secretary Jennie Formby said: "Unite won't simply stand by while the futures of our members and their families are put at risk by employers who jump too quickly to attack the pensions that they've worked for all their lives. We are drawing a deep line in the sand."

AWE scheme members pay 10 per cent of their salary into the defined benefit pension scheme, while the employer pays 26 per cent. But the company, one of Basingstoke and Deane's biggest employers, would only contribute nine per cent as part of the proposed defined contribution alternative.

Unite this week warned AWE bosses that if they failed to negotiate and not "recognise the anger brewing within its workforce", further strike action could take place "over the coming weeks".

Regional officer Bob Middleton said: "AWE management needs to honour its pension promises and stop its dash to close the final salary pension scheme, which will rob loyal workers of thousands of pounds in retirement income.

"The sense of betrayal AWE workers feel has only been compounded by the MoD refusal to stand by promises it made over pensions in the 1990s."

Prospect, the main trade union representing employees at AWE, is calling on defence ministers to intervene given

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Death driver bids to challenge sentence

By Christian Wilson

A VAN driver who was jailed for nine years for running over a Basingstoke cyclist as he read a text message is attempting to appeal against his jail sentence.

Father-of-two Lee Martin was taking part in an organised timed trial along the A31, near Bentley, on August 12 last year when he was ploughed into from behind and killed by Christopher Gard.

Both men had been travelling in the left-hand lane at the time of the fatal collision, with Gard, of Linnet Way, Alton, only braking when he looked up from his phone to find Mr Martin "two or three feet" ahead of him.

It later emerged that Gard, who was travelling at about 60mph at the time of impact, had eight previous convictions for using his phone while driving – the latest of which he incurred just six weeks earlier.

The 30-year-old initially denied being at fault, but Judge Susan Evans, while passing sentence on September 5, said he acted in a "calculated manner" by deleting texts from his phone immediately after the crash.

In addition to being jailed for nine years, Gard was also banned from driving for 14-and-a-half years, but he is set to challenge his sentence at the Court of Appeal.

The court confirmed to the Observer that an application from Gard for leave to challenge his sentence would be heard by a full court of three judges, although a hearing date has not yet been decided.

Mr Martin's family were forced to wait for over a year for justice, after Gard only pleaded guilty to the charge of causing death by dangerous driving four days before he was due to go on trial.

Brother Darrell Martin spoke for the family in court ahead of sentencing, when he condemned Gard for "keeping this horrible affair hanging over us".

He was also critical of the magistrate who allowed Gard to retain his licence, after he promised a court that he would lock his phone in the boot of his van in future while he drove.

Mr Martin said: "The magistrate has failed my brother and failed my family.

"To find out he had eight previous convictions made the whole thing so much worse.

• Christopher Gard was jailed for nine years at Winchester Crown Court on September 5

"I don't believe this man has learnt any lessons, and has any regard for anyone else."

Hook school raises money for new guide dog

AN INDEPENDENT Hook school has given a helping hand to visually-impaired people by paying for a new guide dog.

Pupils at Sherfield School last week handed over a cheque for £933.70 to the charity Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The school raised the funds from a sponsored walk earlier in the year, with the money set to go towards sponsoring a newborn puppy for the charity.

Nursery children will get to choose a name for the puppy next year, when Sherfield School reaches its final fundraising target of £1,500 for the charity.

To show Guide Dogs for the Blind's appreciation for the school's generosity, volunteer puppy trainer, Ellen Young, brought guide dog puppy Alfie into school to meet the children last week.

The school now has an annual sponsored walk to raise money for the charity, with last year's sponsored puppy, Doodles, now working as a study dog for guide dog puppies.

Head of nursery, Sandra Battershall, said: "We are thrilled to be working with the guide dog charity again.

"The sponsored walks at Sherfield have now become an annual event in our beautiful grounds.

"We had a great turnout, and brilliant support from our early-years children and their parents."

• (From left) Sandra Battershall, puppy trainers Carol Herring and Ellen Young, and Alfie

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News Bites

'Good' rating

BASINGSTOKE: Health regulators have praised Basingstoke charity St Michael's Hospice's treatment of patients.

An inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) over three days saw the charity, based in Aldermaston Road, given a 'good' rating in all five categories being examined.

Hospice chief executive David Monkman said: "This outstanding result highlights the level to which we are working, whilst constantly striving to improve."

Livers produced

BASINGSTOKE: The company that produced prosthetics for the Harry Potter film franchise has created two sets of silicon livers for Basingstoke hospital.

Staff at all three hospitals run by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) are using the prosthetics to show patients exactly what liver damage looks like.

The set of livers cost £1,000 to make, are an accurate size and weight to the real thing, and show the three stages a damaged liver goes through, with the first being healthy, the second showing the effects of a poor diet, and the third illustrating cirrhosis.

Charity's award

HAMPSHIRE: Basingstoke and Deane's air ambulance charity was presented with a national award at a ceremony on Monday night.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA) was handed the Association Award of Excellence for its highly successful 'Be a 999 Hero' education programme.

The campaign saw HIOWAA provide safety information for children.

CEO Alex Lochrane said: "We could not have achieved this without the support of our crew and a loyal band of volunteers."

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One of three causes to receive funding from Lottery

Popley charity gets boost

By Christian Wilson

A BASINGSTOKE charity has been handed a grant of almost £10,000 to launch a project to support vulnerable children in the area.

Three schemes across Basingstoke and Deane have been chosen by the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) to receive financial aid totalling more than £26,000.

Among the 108 projects from across the south east region to be picked is the Popley-based organisation Spotlight UK, which is set to launch its youth mentoring scheme in January.

The project will look to use its £9,750 grant to work with 10 young people from Basingstoke who are not in education and have mental-health issues, to help them gain an ASDAN qualification.

Spotlight UK will also look to provide the youngsters with coping strategies and skills to improve their mental and physical wellbeing, with founder Michaela Riley thanking BLF for "giving them hope".

She said: "Without this funding, we wouldn't be able to run this project at all, so we're very grateful.

"This will pay for the staff to actually run the project, and help the young people grow into mature adults, which is fantastic.

"We want to raise their aspirations, and try to get them into school, so this is giving them hope."

The youth mentoring scheme will see Spotlight work with the children 20 hours a week for 13 weeks.

North Waltham Primary School, in Church Road, has also been handed £9,960 to help train teachers to run and sustain a sports club and healthy eating community festivals, as part of its promoting healthy living programme.

Heath End Village Hall, in Tadley, has been awarded £7,000 to refurbish and decorate its hall and new extension, as part of the latest range of grants handed out by the National Lottery.

Deputy director of responsive funding, James Harcourt, said: "It's great to see projects across the south east bringing a positive change to communities.

"It's organisations like these that are giving people the opportunity to overcome barriers, learn new skills and improve the lives for the future."

• *Spotlight UK is among three schemes from across the borough to get funding (Picture by Spotlight UK)*

News Bites

Rucksack robbed

BASING VIEW: Witnesses claim to have seen a man having his rucksack stolen during a robbery at the junction of Basing View and Norn Hill last Thursday.

Nobody has yet come forward to report the incident, although it is understood the robbery took place by the underpass at the junction at around 6.10pm.

The man who took the rucksack has been described as being around 5ft 11ins tall, and wearing a black balaclava, a dark grey coat, and a light grey jogging bottoms, with black shoes and gloves.

Witnesses described the second man as of mixed race, around 5ft 5ins tall, around 18 years of age and had black, curly hair, and a thick black beard, while he wore a hooded jacket and a grey beanie hat.

Call 101, quoting crime reference number 44160425204.

Miss England

BASINGSTOKE: Residents can now vote to send Miss Basingstoke through to the final of next year's Miss England competition.

The public can vote for Nicola Ascroft in the semi-final heat anytime before November 30, by texting MISS SEMI13 to 63333.

Strike shows strength of feeling over 'derisory offer'

• *From front page*

that the MoD owns the facilities, is its only customer and has direct involvement in the governance of pensions.

Negotiator Richard Tabbner said: "Despite an overwhelming ballot mandate for strike action, we had hoped to avoid this through further discussion and an improved offer.

"The strike clearly demonstrates the strength of feeling members have about the derisory offer currently on the table to replace the defined benefit pension."

AWE site director Haydn Clulow said: "AWE's commitment is to put in place future pension arrangements, which ensure the long-term affordability of the scheme.

"We are continuing to hold discussions with the trade unions, and have undertaken detailed contingency planning to ensure we have resilient measures to deal with industrial action."

• *Workers protesting over a proposed change to their pension scheme*

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Borough remembers fallen heroes

By Christian Wilson

HUNDREDS of people honoured Basingstoke and Deane's war heroes in different services held across the borough last week.

Hush descended across the area for two minutes on Friday at 11am, as residents marked 98 years since the end of the First World War with a respectful silence.

One such ceremony took place at the borough council's war memorial in London Road, where the mayor, Cllr Jane Frankum, laid a wreath, while a single bugler played the Last Post.

Remembrance Sunday saw the public come out in force to pay their respects, with a parade taking place in Old Basing, from the Crown Lane Hall to St Mary's Church.

A corps of drums from the Royal British Legion's Old Basing branch led the procession, while a Chinook helicopter from RAF Odiham flew overhead, before a service took place inside the church.

Basingstoke town centre came to a standstill on Sunday morning, as servicemen and women past and present, hoisted standards high into the air as they marched along New Road.

The parade then came to a stop at the council's memorial, where wreaths and poppy crosses from members of the public were laid, before the mayor's chaplain led a service.

Cllr Frankum said: "One of my proudest moments in life was taking the salute today.

"My father would have been so proud, as an old soldier of 28 years, and in the Second World War. [I am] so proud of the people of Basingstoke and Deane."

Deputy leader of the council, Terri Reid, who also attended the service, said: "It was so moving. With everything that's happening, it's time to think about what's important.

"We need to remember, and it's really heartening that, after all this time, so many people of all ages were there."

• (Above) Flag bearers make their way into St Mary's Church, in Old Basing (Picture by Tony Tuck)

• (Right) The borough's mayor, Jane Frankum, at the War Memorial. (Middle) A parade makes its way along New Road

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Big push for Christmas

THE festive countdown was officially started in Basingstoke on Friday night by a familiar face.

This year's pantomime star, Sue Holderness, was on hand to switch on Festival Place's Christmas lights.

Sue is most famous for her role as Marlene Boyce in the classic British sitcom Only Fools and Horses, and will be playing Carabosse, the Bad Fairy, in Sleeping Beauty at The Anvil from December 8.

Also there to push the big red button was Santa, and Elsa and Anna from Disney's Frozen, while The Wonderful West End cast of Grease were also on hand to perform famous hits.

• Sue Holderness, right, presses the big red button with Frozen stars Elsa and Anna

Charity to link with trust in caring for under fives

By Christian Wilson

ONE of Basingstoke's health providers will link up with a children's charity as part of a new service to provide care for under fives and their families.

Hampshire County Council last week commissioned Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust (SHFT) to work with Barnardo's as part of a combination of two existing services.

Basingstoke is one of four areas within Hampshire to receive both of SHFT's family nurse partnership and health visitor services, although the new public health nursing initiative will combine the two from next spring.

The family nurse partnership is a voluntary programme that provides first-time parents with their own specially-trained nurse for up to two years, while health visiting ensures mothers receive regular assessments.

Hampshire's executive member for health, Patricia Stallard, said: "This new contract is one of the first of its kind in the country, where an existing health provider works alongside a leading charity to ensure the youngest members of our society have the best possible start in life.

"The new contract is all about helping parents to be successful, and builds on the very effective support already provided to new parents and young children in Hampshire."

A key part of the new service will see Barnardo's helping identify community support for local areas, alongside existing SHFT workers, to help families with young children remain emotionally and physically healthy.

The charity will look to encourage volunteers from Basingstoke to come forward as part of the service to help with projects in their community, as well as support families to access the services.

• Executive member for health, Patricia Stallard

Assistant director of children's services, Rachel McKernan, said: "We are thrilled to be working in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Southern Health.

"Our staff and volunteers will work alongside health visiting teams across Hampshire to ensure every child has the best possible start in life."

SHFT interim chief executive, Julie Dawes, said: "I firmly believe that we can continue to deliver the best quality services for Hampshire's children and families with our skilled and experienced health visitors, nursery nurses and family nurse partnership team."

News Bites

Top-rate kitchen

BASINGSTOKE: Kitchen staff at Basingstoke hospital have been handed top marks for food hygiene and safety.

Environmental health officers from the Care Quality Commission gave the hospital's kitchen a level five rating after a surprise visit at the start of the month.

They carried out a thorough inspection of the premises, observed staff at work and checked paperwork to ensure food was prepared and cooked in line with safety laws.

Catering business and project manager, Sally-Ann Jones, said: "I hope that the rating offers patients, staff and visitors reassurance that our food is prepared and served safely."

Food donation

BASINGSTOKE: More than 30 schools across the Basingstoke area have collected food from pupils to donate to the town's foodbank.

Basingstoke Foodbank has received almost five tonnes of food this Harvest time after it was chosen as the chief beneficiary of the food collected.

Foodbank trustees chair, Phil Thomas, said: "These generous donations will enable the foodbank to continue to supply crisis food to some of the neediest people in Basingstoke and Deane."

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Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, November 11.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 44030 of Hook, while ticket 03011 of Tadley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 00103, and Basingstoke ticket 84791 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 23603, 18636, 61601, 70993, 68618, 09255, 35625, 62093, 24971, 54908, 81721, 00662, 00985, 83657, 46753, and 85956.

Express-mas

BASINGSTOKE: National Express is launching its first ever Christmas charity coach tour next month.

The coach operator will take to the roads from the start of December to deliver Christmas bonuses of up to £1,000 to charities from across the country, including Basingstoke.

National Express is asking residents from Basingstoke to reveal which local causes they would like to see supported, by nominating a charity.

To nominate, visit nationalexpress.com, and explain in less than 500 words why their chosen charity should be given the money.

Festival planned for trust's anniversary

By Adam Flinn

PREPARATIONS are under way for a big celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of north Hampshire and West Berkshire charity Greenham Common Trust next year.

Only described as a "unique and exciting, large-scale outdoor community event" at this stage, it is scheduled for September 8 and 9, 2017, at Greenham Common.

Internationally-acclaimed artists are to be involved, and the event will be open to everyone in the community.

Chris Boulton, chief executive of the trust, said: "To celebrate the last 20 years of supporting the local community, we want to bring together groups, societies and individuals in the area to create a truly memorable event.

"More than 1,000 local organisations and projects in north Hampshire and West Berkshire have received funding from Greenham Common Trust.

"They, and all other members of the community, are invited to join in with the event."

Greenham Common Trust was set up in 1997 in the aftermath of the closure of RAF Greenham Common, close to the Hampshire border.

The charity has distributed over £35million to local good causes in that time, including Basingstoke charity's Ark Cancer Centre Charity, and Pelican Cancer Foundation.

The story of Greenham Common, the basis for next September's event, is being created by Kingsclere playwright Beth Flintoff.

She said: "The story will reflect key moments in the extraordinary history of the site, such as the Second World War, the arrival of Ugandan Asian refugees, and the debate over nuclear arms.

"These events will be brought to life for the community to see and be a part of.

"We hope that the result will be a joyful and moving celebration of how far Greenham has come from a military base to a place of peace and industry."

A launch party is being held on Wednesday evening by event organisers Rosa Productions for performers, backstage staff and volunteers who want to be involved to find out more.

That event is running from 6.30pm to 8pm at New Greenham Arts in Greenham Business Park.

For more details, email ameneh@rosaproductions.co.uk or call 07946 424007.

• One of the other events put on by Rosa Productions, the Gravity Fields Festival, in Grantham (Picture courtesy of Rosa Productions)

Police mobile crackdown

HAMPSHIRE police are focusing on catching drivers who use their mobile phone behind the wheel this week.

A total of 15 per cent of all fatal collisions on roads across the county involved the driver being distracted.

Lorry driver Tomasz Kroker was jailed for 10 years last month, after crashing into a queue of cars on the A34 near the East Ilsley junction on August 10.

• Tomasz Kroker

Dashcam footage from inside the truck showed Kroker scrolling through music on his phone seconds before the crash, which killed four people.

Research showed reactions are slowed by 50 per cent while using a mobile. Hampshire Road Safety Sergeant, Rob Heard, has urged motorists not to take the risk, saying motorists are four times more likely to be involved in a collision while using a mobile.

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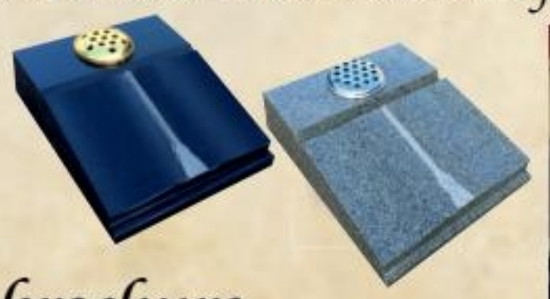

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Power tool theft

OVERTON: A cordless power tool worth £150 was taken from a garage in Willesley Warren, Overton, on Wednesday last week between 12.30pm and 12.45pm.

A man was seen leaving the scene in a vehicle described as a navy blue Vauxhall people carrier. He was white, aged 20 to 30, and wearing a grey bobble hat with blue tracksuit top.

Call 101, quoting crime reference number 44160423294.

Trustees appeal

BASINGSTOKE: Charity Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA) is calling on residents to apply to become a trustee.

BVA acts as the borough's umbrella organisation for the voluntary and community sector. Visit bvaction.org.uk or call 01256 423854.

Suspicious man

OVERTON: An unknown man was discovered in the garden of a house in Overton on Tuesday morning last week.

The homeowner in Bridge Street approached the suspicious-looking man at 10.30am, who claimed he was looking for a friend and then left.

No offences took place, with the man described as white, of stocky build and wearing a black hooded top.

Pupils' 'sexting' campaign

School to present their ideas in police competition

By Christian Wilson

PUPILS from an Odiham school will tomorrow try to win a countywide competition to come up with a campaign to discourage youngsters from sending sexually-explicit photos of themselves by text.

In a recent survey of 900 children from across the county by Hampshire Constabulary, 36 per cent said they or someone they knew had been directly involved or affected by 'sexting'.

The results also showed that of the 862 who answered the question, 13 per cent of them did not know it was against the law for people under the age of 18 to share such images.

Hampshire police has launched its Police Apprentice competition as a result, with entries from pupils at Robert May's School seeing it secure one of the six spots in the final on Friday evening.

The event will take place at the force's southern support and training headquarters in Netley, with students set to present their ideas for their campaign to a panel of judges.

School and youth engagement co-ordinator, PC Maria Carrick, said: "The concerns and consequences over these types of pictures are not always understood or reported by children.

"The experiences and opinions of young people are vital to give an insight into the most effective ways to solve problems with credibility and mutual respect.

"I'm pleased and grateful this competition has involved students and their teachers in a way that's inspired them to use imagination and innovation, while learning about the law and safer choices."

Schools from Southampton, Waterlooville, Portsmouth and Stockbridge will also present their ideas, with the champions due to develop their public media campaign with the police on February 7. But just by reaching the final, Robert May's has qualified to receive a 'sexting awareness' roadshow, entitled "Is It Worth It?".

NSPCC's head of child safety online, Julia Fossi, who will be on the judging panel, said: "Young people understand the pressures to take part in sexting better than anyone else, and it is, therefore, essential that they are involved in helping to come up with the solutions.

"The sexting prevention competition is a fantastic opportunity, which empowers young people to support their peers around this important issue."

AWE trainee posts to triple

• AWE took on 42 trainees last year

THE number of places on next year's Atomic Weapons Establishment's (AWE) apprenticeship programme is due to be 'almost tripled'.

A total of 42 trainees joined the nuclear deterrent manufacturer's Skills Academy last year, based at AWE's Aldermaston base.

Last month also saw the three-year apprenticeship programme, which allows trainees to claim a level three National Vocational Qualification, win the south east Large Employer award at the National Apprenticeships Awards.

The course also includes a two-year placement, with its success encouraging AWE to introduce four new modules, as well increasing the number of places on offer for next year.

Laboratory technicians, health physics, process operators and technical authors will be introduced from September 4, with applications accepted from December 14 to January 25.

An information session for anyone interested will take place at Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT) from 12pm to 6pm on November 22.

Skills Academy head Marcus Hutchings said: "We are almost tripling the number of apprenticeship places available here.

"We are looking for college students, school leavers and individuals who are interested in a fascinating career, who want to learn, earn and study."

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Staff recognised for their caring and kindness

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE hospital has held a special lunch to celebrate the achievements of some of its best staff.

More than 50 doctors, nurses, secretaries and domestic assistants presented with WOW! Awards over the past six months were honoured at The Ark Centre.

The awards are a national scheme that recognise excellent service by staff at hospitals, with patients and colleagues providing the nominations.

The recent winners attended the lunch on Friday, November 4, including the team from the children's ward at Basingstoke hospital.

Staff were chosen for an award after they helped a patient attend her mum's wedding on day release, as well as painting her nails and doing her hair and make-up, with the nomination saying the team "amaze me with their kindness".

Both Basingstoke hospital's women's health team and the Diagnosis and Treatment Centre (DTC) received awards for achieving a total of 50 nominations since last November.

Among those to impress hospital bosses was nurse Maria Perez, from the women's health team, who helped persuade an extremely anxious patient trying to discharge herself that she needed to stay.

The patient wrote in her nomination: "I believe it was Maria's kind and caring attitude, and her empathy and compassion, that gave me the courage to stay. Now, if I ever have to return, I won't be as scared."

Of DTC's award, deputy sister in the centre, Amanda Parry, said: "I think we are very lucky to have such a great team.

"One of the main things we have to do is to put patients' anxieties to rest when they come in for a day-case surgery, and that is something we get a lot of nominations for."

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) chairman, Elizabeth Padmore, said: "Attending these lunches is one of the best parts of my job, because I get to spend time with everyone in this room, who make Hampshire hospitals really special."

• *Basingstoke hospital nurse Maria Perez was one of those celebrated at the lunch*

Views sought over council plans process

HAMPSHIRE County Council is seeking residents' views on how they could get more involved with local planning.

The authority has launched the public consultation in a bid to find how the role of local communities could be strengthened in the decision-making process.

Hampshire's survey is most concerned with seeing how community involvement could impact the process for determining whether planning applications for minerals and waste are approved.

The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the council involves the local community in preparing and reviewing the minerals and waste planning documents, before making a decision.

But new national planning guidance has been introduced, meaning the council now has to consult residents on changes to its statement.

Executive member for environment, Rob Humby, said: "We are committed to encouraging participation from all sections of the community, and want to make it easier for everyone to be involved in county planning decisions in their local area."

The survey will run until December 19 at hants.gov.uk/sciconsultation2016.

News Bites

Food box appeal

BASINGSTOKE: Residents are being urged to donate food boxes for those less fortunate in Basingstoke and Deane this Christmas.

Almost 1,000 boxes were distributed last year to those living with the effects of poverty, social isolation, or who were vulnerably housed.

Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA) also collected tents, winter equipment and clothes for 75 people sleeping rough.

This year's donations will be accepted by BVA at Basingstoke Irish Centre, in Council Road, between tomorrow and December 16.

Anyone wishing to arrange delivery of donations, or to discuss volunteering, is asked to email natascha.shepherd@bvaction.org,uk.

Lights switch-on

ALTON: New festive lights and two Christmas trees will be unveiled by Alton Town Council on Friday November 25.

The blue and white-themed displays will be switched on for the first time in Market Square at 5.45pm, while the trees will be put up in Market Square and the Assembly Rooms.

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At the christening of the king and queen's long-wished-for baby, seven good fairies are invited to be godmothers to the Princess. However, the evil Carabosse is left off the list, so she curses the baby. Princess Briar Rose will prick her finger on a spindle of a spinning wheel and die. The Good Fairy manages to change the enchantment to falling asleep for 100 years – to be awakened by a kiss from a prince.

Sue Holderness will play the role of Carabosse, the Bad Fairy. Sue is best known as Marlene Boyce in one of the nation's favourite sitcoms Only Fools and Horses. A seasoned performer on stage, Sue regularly performs in pantomime which she loves (usually being wicked!).

Katrina Bryan will play the part of Princess Briar Rose, Sleeping Beauty. Katrina is known to children as Nina in the hit CBeebies series Nina and the Neurons. The award-winning show has been on television since 2007.

Closing date: Thursday, December 3

Taking the role of the Good Fairy is Sarah-Jane Buckley best known for playing Kathy Barnes in Hollyoaks. On stage, she has appeared as Eva Cassidy in Over the Rainbow and Songbird (which she co-produced); both have successfully been to The Haymarket.

Making a very welcome return to The Anvil as the Prince is Ben Harlow, who has played Prince Charming in Cinderella. Joining them will be comedy star Mark James as Silly Billy, Charles Burden as Nanny Glucose and Phil Cole as the King, as well as local young dancers for the North Hampshire Academy of Dance, JG Dance and Basingstoke Academy of Dancing.

Sleeping Beauty will run from Thursday 8 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017.

Tickets are now on sale, so call The Anvil box office on 01256 844244. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.anvilarts.org.uk

Win Tickets!

We have 2 family tickets to be won for this great show. The tickets are for the 6pm performance on Sunday, December 11 and to be in with a chance of winning them all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

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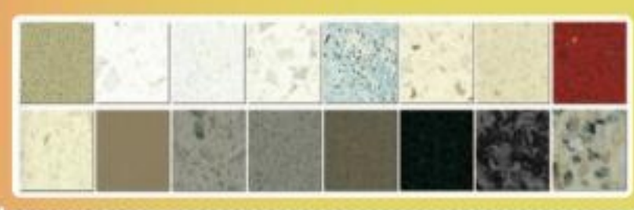

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8 Cry out (7)
10 Fence in (7)
11 From end to end of (5)
12 Encouraged (5)
13 Alien (9)
16 Criminals (9)
19 Listens (5)
20 Combination (5)
22 Large guns (7)
23 Curve (7)
24 Hit (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 In the interest of (6)
2 Repeat (4)
3 Object of ridicule (8,5)
5 In an attractive way (13)
6 Lengthen (8)
7 Fears (5)
9 Fruit (5)
14 Advance fee (8)
15 Horrifies (6)
17 Tend (5)
18 Feels (6)
21 Demons (4)

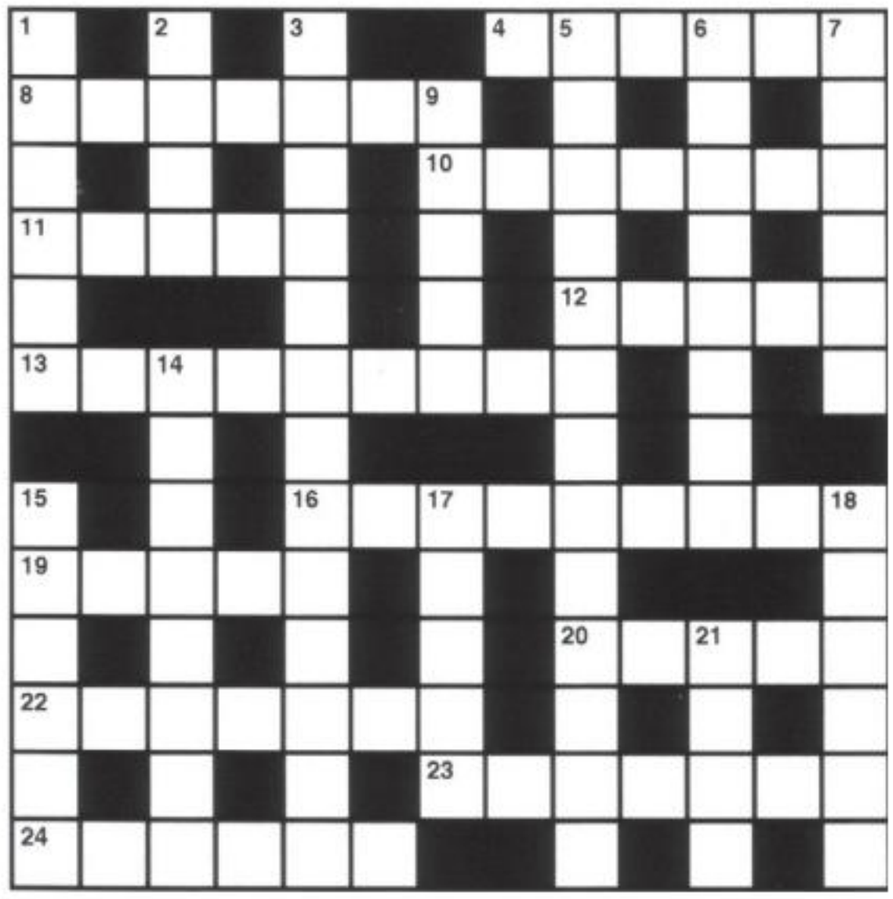
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 A friendly round? (6)
8 Was the hill damaged by the excessive rainfall? (7)
10 Exaggerate how he can be put out after a printing measure (7)
11 I shut the door on religion (5)
12 Raise what is in hot surroundings (5)
13 Monkey allowed back before your extra-sensory communication (9)
16 It's concerning the sheriffs' men to the south who occupy the place again (9)
19 Go after the beat of the dance (5)
20 Plundering part of the space below (5)
22 Preparing the sunburnt fruit? (7)
23 Dwarfed by the acrobatics display? (7)
24 Followed that one could sue in the end (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Restricted to the grass? No, to be precise, without it (6)
2 Spoken from the floor a lot (4)
3 It leaves the hermit and Venus with the characteristics of both sexes (13)
5 Your hat is such a change from a prehistoric relic (13)
6 A hymn that is able to give pleasure, we hear (8)
7 Chooses a select move (6)
9 It makes no difference if you reverse this principle (5)
14 Washes below in surroundings that last endlessly (8)
15 Fasten the major product (6)
17 Spasms of unhesitating anger in the postscript (5)
18 I'd be among the rest, anyhow, and walk (6)
21 A customary obligation, for example (4)



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This week's solutions

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Cryptic Crossword
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Puzzles

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Saturday November 19th

BBC1

Casualty, 9.10pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.00 Live International Rugby Union** Wales v Japan (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.25 BBC News** (S) **5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.45 Children in Need – The Best Bits** (S) **6.55 Strictly Come Dancing** (S)

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8.10 Michael McIntyre's Big Show New series. The family entertainment series returns. (S)

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9.10 Casualty Connie tries to distract herself from the seriousness of Grace's condition. (S)

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10.00 The National Lottery Live (S)
10.10 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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AFTER 12

12.00 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream (S) **12.30** The NFL Show (S) **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Sold! Inside the World's Biggest Auction House, 9.10pm

6.35 FILM The Tuttles of Tahiti (1942) (U) (S) **8.05 FILM Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948) (PG)** (S) **9.30 Joan Fontaine: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **10.00 Secret Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Natural World** (S)(R) **12.00 The Good Cook** (S)(R) **12.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **1.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals** (S) **4.30 Live International Rugby Union** (S)

7.10 International Rugby Union England v Fiji. Lee McKenzie presents highlights of the autumn international at Twickenham. (S)

8.10 Coastal Path The explorer takes in the north Cornish coast. (S)
8.40 Dad's Army The platoon guards a telephone line. (S)(R)

9.10 Sold! Inside the World's Biggest Auction House Two-part documentary going behind the scenes at Christies. (S)

10.10 Artsnight: What Has the Turner Prize Ever Done for Us? (S)
10.45 FILM Boyz N the Hood (1991) (15) Drama, with Cuba Gooding Jr and Laurence Fishburne. (S)

12.30 FILM Dirty Pretty Things (2002) (15) Drama, starring Audrey Tautou and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (S) **2.00** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Meet the Parents, 7pm

9.05 Adventure Time (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 Wild Australia with Ray Mears** (S)(R) **11.50 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.50 ITV News** (S) **1.00 Cash Trapped** (S)(R) **1.55 This Time Next Year** (S)(R) **2.55 Big Star's Little Star** (S)(R) **4.00 Thunderbirds Are Go** (S) **4.25 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** (S)

7.00 Meet the Parents Dating show, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad. (S)

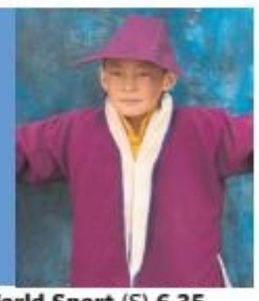
8.00 The X Factor Louis Walsh, Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger and Simon Cowell ask the remaining contestants to take to the stage once again. (S)

9.25 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.25 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.40 FILM American Gangster (2007) (18) Fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe. (S)

1.30 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



China: Between Clouds and Dreams, 7pm

6.10 Gillette World Sport (S) **6.35 Motorbike Racing: Sunflower Trophy 2016** (S) **7.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **11.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.30 Deal or No Deal** (S) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.00 Jamie's Super Food** (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 China: Between Clouds and Dreams A courageous young mother finds out that a local factory has been releasing poisonous hydrogen cyanide. (S)

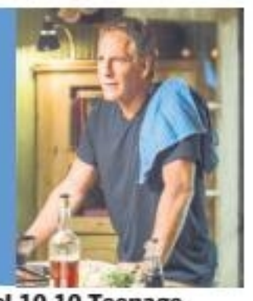
8.00 Britain at Low Tide New series. Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands use state-of-the-art technology to comb the nation's exposed coastlines. (S)

9.00 FILM A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) (12) Action adventure sequel, with Bruce Willis and Jai Courtney. (S)

11.00 The Rolling Stones: Ole Ole Ole! A Trip Across Latin America Documentary following the Rolling Stones' tour in early 2016. (S)

1.05 FILM Side Effects (2013) (15) Thriller, starring Jude Law. (S) **2.50** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.55** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R) **5.50** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5



NCIS: New Orleans, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **11.45 FILM Married by Christmas (2016) (PG)** (S) **1.30 FILM Christmas Child (2004) (PG)** (S) **3.25 FILM Christmas in Conway (2013) (U)** Festive romantic drama, starring Andy Garcia. (S) **5.20 FILM The Christmas Spirit (2013) (PG)** Fantasy, starring Nicollette Sheridan. (S)

7.10 NCIS The team gets close to tracking down a Mexican drug kingpin. (S)(R)

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans A 100-year-old restaurant belonging to a naval chef's family is bombed. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 That's So 1982 A look at 1982, using news, pop and TV archive clips. (S)(R)

11.30 Impractical Jokers UK The pranksters take part in a round of "Touch the Stranger". (S)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 FILM National Security (2003) (12) Action comedy, starring Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn. (S) **4.40** Access (S) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Vicky Pattison **6.10** Planet's Funniest Animals **6.30** Emmerdale **9.10** Coronation Street **12.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **1.30** FILM: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) (U) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** FILM: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) (U) Concluded. **3.10** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin. **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Concluded. **5.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.30** FILM: Jack and Jill (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **7.30** FYI Daily **7.35** FILM: Jack and Jill (2011) (PG) Concluded. **8.25** Scorpion **9.25** The Xtra Factor Live **9.55** Family Guy **10.25** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.25** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **1.25** Bordertown **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.50** Judge Judy **7.10** Where the Heart Is **9.10** Wycliffe **10.20** FILM: Black Beauty (1994) (U) **11.20** FYI Daily **11.25** FILM: Black Beauty (1994) (U) **12.05** FILM: Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind (1975) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **1.45** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) Concluded. **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Wycliffe **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 India's Frontier Railways **8.00** Timeshift: Penny Blacks & Twopenny Blues: How Britain Got Stuck on Stamps **9.00** Deep Water **10.45** The Undiscovered Peter Cook **11.45** Neil Diamond: Electric Prom **12.50** Sings Neil Diamond **1.20** Top of the Pops: 1982 **1.55** John Denver: Country Boy **2.55** Country at the BBC **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.45** Baby Daddy **7.35** Melissa & Joey **8.30** Made in Chelsea **9.35** Couples Come Dine with Me **10.35** How I Met Your Mother **11.30** Black-ish **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.30** FILM: Scrooged (1988) (PG) Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray. **4.30** Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco. **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** Tattoo Fixers **12.10** Rude Tube **1.20** The Inbetweeners **2.25** Body Fixers **3.20** New Girl **4.00** The Mindy Project **4.45** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Time Team **9.55** Tony Robinson: Down Under **11.00** Tiny House Nation **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Car SOS **9.00** Tony Robinson: Down Under **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **10.50** Father Ted **11.55** It Was Alright in the 1980s **1.00** Very British Problems **2.00** Tony Robinson: Down Under **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Winchester '73 (1950) (U) Western, starring James Stewart. **1.00** ParaNorman (2012) (PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee. **2.50** Short Circuit 2 (1988) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. **5.05** Big (1988) (12) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **7.10** Just Married (2003) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy. **9.00** Super 8 (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney. **11.15** I, Frankenstein (2014) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Aaron Eckhart. **1.00** The Raid (2011) (18) **3.10** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.05 Trawlermen **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** American Pickers **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** Trawlermen **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **7.00** Room 101 **8.20** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.00** QI XL **12.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.00** Room 101 **2.15** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **3.05** Would I Lie to You? **3.35** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Campion **3.00** Pie in the Sky **6.00** Sherlock Holmes – The Case of the Silk Stocking **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **1.00** Rock & Chips **2.20** The Great Train Robbery **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Futurama **2.00** Modern Family **4.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **4.30** Yonderland **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2016 **9.00** A League of Their Own: Unseen **10.00** FILM: White Noise: The Light (2007) (15) Horror, starring Nathan Fillion. **11.55** Arro **12.50** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **1.45** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **2.40** Nothing to Declare **3.40** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** Without a Trace **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game o Thrones **11.20** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.55** Hemingway & Gellhorn **2.45** Ray Donovan **3.50** Entourage **4.20** Networks of Power with Sir Christophe Meyer **5.10** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Betty White's Off Their Rockers **6.20** Bondi Rescue **6.45** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.40** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **8.40** The Bill **1.40** EastEnder **3.40** Doctor Who **5.00** Supernanny **7.00** My Family **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.20** Luther **11.40** Secrets and Lies **12.40** Code Black **1.40** Me, You and Doctor Who: A Culture Show Special **2.40** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

CHRISTMAS GOLD SKY: 110

7.05 Bewitched **8.00** Lovejoy **10.00** Outnumbered **11.55** Only Fools and Horses **5.00** TOTP: Christmas 2012 **7.00** The Vicar of Dibley **8.00** Porridge **9.00** Mer Behaving Badly Christmas Special **10.00** The Office **11.00** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridg **12.20** Shooting Stars: Christmas Special 1996 **1.05** The Wrong Mans **1.45** Early Doors **2.20** Bellamy's People **3.25** Bewitched **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Sporting Triumphs **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Manchester United v Arsenal (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFl Ipswich Town v Nottingham Forest (kick-off 5.30pm). **8.00** Kovalev v Ward – The Preview **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights **2.00** Live Fight Night International. **5.00** Premier League Highlights

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Sunday November 20th

DAYTIME

BBC1

My Mother and Other Strangers, 9pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.25 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.15 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.30 Songs of Praise** (S) **2.05 Live Four Nations Rugby League** The final (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) **4.45 Planet Earth II** (S)(R) **5.45 BBC News** (S) **6.05 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.15 Countryfile** (S)

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7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show. (S)

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8.00 Planet Earth II Animals that live in jungles, including creatures that glow in the dark which have never been captured on film before. (S)

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9.00 My Mother and Other Strangers Francis and Seamie get mixed up in eel-poaching when they join the Hanlons on a supposed fishing trip. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Highlights of Middlesbrough v Chelsea. (S)

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11.15 Sunny D New series. Sitcom, written by and starring Dane Baptiste. (S)
11.35 Getting High for God? Part one of two. (S)

AFTER 12

12.05 FILM Once (2006) (15) Romantic musical drama, starring Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova. (S) **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.35** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Black Is the New Black, 10pm

8.45 Countryfile: A Remembrance Sunday Special (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 The Good Cook** (S)(R) **11.45 Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 International Rugby Union** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM Dial M for Murder (1954) (PG)** (S) **3.45 Escape to the Continent** (S)(R) **4.45 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals** (S)

9.00 Life and Death the Pentecostal Way Documentary exploring Britain's fastest-growing Christian denomination. (S)

10.00 Black Is the New Black The challenges black people face in succeeding in their chosen field. (S)
10.30 Frankie Boyle's US Election Autopsy (S)

11.10 QI XL With guests Jason Manford, Sara Pascoe and Jeremy Clarkson. (S)
11.55 FILM 8 Minutes Idle (2012) (15) Comedy, with Tom Hughes.

1.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile: A Remembrance Sunday Special (S)(R) **2.15** Holby City (S)(R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Next Great Magician, 7pm

9.05 Adventure Time (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.25 Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News** (S) **12.35 The Chase** (S)(R) **1.35 The X Factor** (S)(R) **3.00 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **5.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 Off Their Rockers** (S)

7.00 The Next Great Magician A performer brings magic to the set of Coronation Street, and a new twist on sawing a woman in half. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's show. (S)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (S)(R)

11.20 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights from the eighth round of fixtures. (S)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Humans, 9pm

6.40 Snowdonia Triathlon Festival (S) **7.05 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **7.55 FILM Inspector Gadget (1999) (U)** (S) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With hosts Simon Rimmer and Tim Lovejoy. (S) **12.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.55 FILM The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) (PG)** (S) **5.05 FILM The Aristocats (1970) (U)** (S) **6.35 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 0 to 60mph: Britain's Fastest Kids Documentary about three children on the professional go-kart racing circuit. (S)

8.00 The Lost Lotus: Restoring a Race Car Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead restore a 1950s prototype Lotus Elite. (S)

9.00 Humans Mia and Ed's secret is discovered, Hester's influence creates conflict between Leo and Max, and the outcome of the trial looks bleak for Niska. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM Tower Heist (2011) (12) Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. (S)

1.05 The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.00** Flying to the Ends of the Earth (S)(R) **2.55** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) **3.50** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.45** The Common Denominator (S)(R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5

Ice Road Truckers, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM The Perfect Holiday (2007) (PG)** (S) **2.50 FILM Window Wonderland (2013) (PG)** (S) **4.30 FILM A Puppy for Christmas (2016) (PG)** (S) **6.20 FILM The Christmas Note (2015) (PG)** (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers Disaster strikes two rival companies on the frozen Hudson Bay. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? Documentary exploring two of the most important years in the Queen singer's life. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) **11.00 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **12.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Inspector Gadget (1999) (U)** (S) **2.50 FILM Window Wonderland (2013) (PG)** (S) **4.30 FILM A Puppy for Christmas (2016) (PG)** (S) **6.20 FILM The Christmas Note (2015) (PG)** (S)

11.05 20 Moments That Rocked Pop Countdown of significant performers, songs or occasions that impacted the genre. (S)(R)

12.35 That's So 1985 (S)(R) **1.30** SuperCasino **3.10** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild (S)(R) **4.00** Tattoo Disasters UK (S)(R) **4.25** Tattoo Disasters UK (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.20** Coronation Street **11.15** The X Factor **12.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **1.45** FILM: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri. **2.45** FYI Daily **2.50** FILM: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Concluded. **4.00** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) Comedy, with the voice of Dan Aykroyd. **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) Concluded. **5.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.40** FILM: The Mummy (1999) (12) Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45** FILM: The Mummy (1999) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.00** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** The Hot Desk: Vicky Pattison **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.25** Inspector Morse **8.25** Heartbeat **10.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.25** A Touch of Frost **2.25** FILM: Columbo: Playback (1975) (PG) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **4.00** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) Romantic sci-fi drama, with Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis. **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) Concluded. **6.05** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Mother's Son **12.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.00** May the Best House Win **3.45** Murder, She Wrote **4.35** Wycliffe **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Yehudi Menuhin at the BBC **8.00** Young, Gifted and Classical: The Making of a Maestro **9.00** Henry VIII's Enforcer: The Rise and Fall of Thomas Cromwell **10.00** Storyville: Executed by ISIS – The James Foley Story **11.25** Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution **12.25** Impact! A Horizon Guide to Plane Crashes **1.25** Beautiful Equations **2.25** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 New Girl **6.45** Baby Daddy **7.35** Melissa & Joey **8.30** The Goldbergs **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Made in Chelsea **1.00** FILM: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) (U) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **3.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Unknown (2011) (12) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **11.20** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.25** The Inbetweeners **1.35** Crazyhead **2.40** New Girl **3.25** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **9.25** Food Unwrapped **9.50** Tiny House Nation **10.50** Vet on the Hill **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **9.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **10.00** Father Ted **11.05** Sex Party Secrets **12.10** My Daughter the Teenage Nudist **1.15** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **2.15** The World's Weirdest Weather **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Colditz Story (1954) (U) Second World War drama, starring John Mills. **1.00** Dear John (2010) (12) Romantic drama, with Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried. **3.10** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) (U) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Danny DeVito. **4.50** The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959) (PG) Sherlock Holmes mystery, starring Peter Cushing. **6.35** Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, with Kristen Stewart and Chris Hemsworth. **9.00** 47 Ronin (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Keanu Reeves. **11.15** Machete Kills (2013) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Danny Trejo. **1.25** Micmacs (2009) (12) Comedy, starring Dany Boon. **3.35** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Storage Hunters **7.25** Top Gear **11.00** Motorway Cops **12.20** Celebrity Storage Hunters **1.20** Storage Hunters **2.20** American Pickers **4.20** Top Gear **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **1.00** Not Going Out **2.50** The Money Pit **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Call the Midwife **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.50** The Turn of the Screw **3.25** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Drone Racing League **2.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **6.30** Yonderland **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own: Unseen **9.00** An Idiot Abroad 2 **10.00** The Force: Essex **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** Chris Ryan's Strike Back **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.10** Divorce **10.45** The Young Pope **11.55** Ray Donovan **1.10** Cold Case **2.10** Entourage **4.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **5.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Betty White's Off Their Rockers **6.20** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.10** Your Home in Their Hands **8.30** Bondi Rescue **9.00** EastEnders **11.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **3.00** Doctor Who **6.00** My Family **8.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **9.00** FILM: V for Vendetta (2005) (15) Futuristic action thriller, with Natalie Portman. **11.40** Traffic Cops **1.20** Iceland Foods: Life in the Freezer Cabinet **2.10** The Science of Doctor Who **3.00** Home Shopping

CHRISTMAS GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Bewitched **8.00** Lovejoy **11.00** Only Fools and Horses **5.00** Porridge **6.05** The Green Green Grass **7.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.20** The Vicar of Dibley **9.00** Marley's Ghosts **9.40** Catherine Tate's Nan **10.30** Extras **11.50** Bellamy's People **1.10** The Wrong Mans **1.50** Catherine Tate's Nan **2.35** Early Doors **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.30** The Sunday Supplement **11.00** Goals on Sunday **1.00** Live EFL. Leeds United v Newcastle United (kick-off 1.15pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Middlesbrough v Chelsea (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** Live Grand Slam of Darts. The final at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall. **9.00** Goals on Sunday **10.00** Premier League Highlights **10.30** International Rugby Union **11.30** Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals **12.30** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Live NFL. Washington Redskins v Green Bay Packers (kick-off 1.30am). **4.30** Premier League Highlights **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Celebrating King Freddie

By James Richings

FOR the last 23 years, Queen tribute band Killer Queen have been entertaining the world with their pinpoint accuracy of the band's most iconic songs.

'We Will Rock You, 'Bicycle Race', 'A Kind of Magic' and many more will all be heard at The Anvil when the cover band arrive in Basingstoke.

However, their show at the Churchill Way venue will have extra significance because of the date.

The group of talented musicians will perform at The Anvil on Thursday, November 24 – the 25th anniversary of Freddie Mercury's death.

"We'd all just left home for college when Freddie died", musician Patrick Myers, who portrays the late musician, told the Observer.

"We were shocked but also the music became something we all focused on and shared and that's kind of how it began.

"Also we'd never seen Queen live.

"I was 14 when they did the last tour.

"I was surprised they hadn't toured since because aside from fantastic songs their live reputation was pretty unmatched back then, particularly after Live Aid.

"Freddie was amazing onstage – electric."

Known for their energetic and interactive shows, the band have received a lot of praise from a number of fans and musicians since their formation back in 1993.

Their popularity has led to them being one of the most popular Queen tribute bands of all time, with The Boomtown Rats lead singer Bob Geldof choosing the group to perform at his charity event in Malta, which was a tribute recreation of Live Aid.

The group are also no strangers to picking up accolades and achieving great success.

Just two years after they formed, the band had a residency in London's Strand Theatre, which attracted the attention of the BBC who covered their shows.

They became the first tribute group to have a show in the West End.

Four years later in 1999, the group won the 'Worldwide Best Tribute Band' prize at an award ceremony in Leicester Square before winning the 'Concert of the Year' category a decade later.

And despite Patrick admitting that they spend most of the their time abroad performing, he reckons the Basingstoke crowd will be in for a treat.

"Most of our work is abroad so a typical week doesn't really happen.

• Patrick Myers as Freddie Mercury

"It can be pretty full on when it's all in full swing.

"One time, we were up for nearly 24 hours straight to fit in a Lithuanian show and before that we were over in Norway where it never gets dark.

"So you try and fit your normal life in as best you can around that kind of schedule even though your body clock is all over the place most of the time."

He added: "I enjoy being on stage a lot so that makes up for the erratic night bird hours we tend to keep!

"I had a hunch doing this band might be fun and it's nice to say that nearly 23 years later it still is.

"It's been a slightly surreal experience but kind of strangely cool too.

"I love singing these songs with audiences."

Tickets cost £23 and the gig starts at 7.45pm.

Folk and fables

LIVE MUSIC: Musicians Steve Tilston and Jez Lowe will be performing at The Forge in Basingstoke on Wednesday, November 23.

The folk musicians arrive at the Churchill Way venue to perform tunes off their respective studio albums whilst telling the crowd interesting fables about their careers.

Tickets cost £16 or £14 for under 16s and full-time students.

The gig will begin at 8pm.

Lee's in progress

COMEDY: Comedian Lee Nelson will be returning to the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon on Wednesday, November 23 for a 'work in progress' show.

The comedian who recently appeared at the Station Road venue on October 26, is best known for his 'Lee Nelson's Well Good Show.'

It starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15.

Classical night

LIVE MUSIC: The Philharmonia Orchestra will be at The Anvil on Saturday, November 19 to perform music from Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov among others.

Tickets cost from £10 to £40 with the concert starting at 7.45pm.

Wrap up warm and enjoy a penguin show

By James Richings

AFTER the hot summer and mild autumn we have had this year, the cold weather has come as a shock to our system.

But you would think an animal like the penguin would love the nippy climate.

However, there is one penguin who absolutely hates the cold and that's Steve the Penguin.

So find out what's making Steve feel glum when the cold weather comes about when 'Brr! The Story of a Penguin Who Doesn't Like the Cold', arrives at the Woodlands Hall in Headley Down just outside Bordon on Friday, November 25.

The show is also at the Station Road venue on Saturday, November 19 but is now sold out.

"The show was inspired by a real life penguin I met at the Isle of Wight zoo," Proteus Theatre Company's marketing manager Samantha Lowin told the Observer.

"It was a particularly cold day when I visited with my family and all the penguins were enjoying the weather except for one who seemed to be incredibly cold and miserable – I felt he must have a story, and Steve the penguin was born!

"The programme for the show is also a storybook and there is a free audio download available to accompany it."

It is performed by the award-winning Basingstoke-based theatre company Proteus, and Samantha strongly believes the show will leave a lasting impression on audiences, no matter their age.

The production has received positive feedback from families, as the show includes a lot of audience interaction and a number of visual effects included to try and keep the children's attention on the show, just in case they were to get distracted and not watch the performance.

"We get so much back from an audience – when an audience is really enjoying a show it becomes a conversation," she told the Observer.

"We have made the show from scratch, improvising and working together on ideas.

"That in turn means that there is a lot of room for the actors to 'play' with an audience, for them to be able to react to what the audience is responding to – this means that every show is completely unique."

She added: "As a parent myself I want to enjoy watching theatre or film aimed at my children as much as they do, so I understand the importance of entertaining the adults too.

"After all they are the ones that buy the tickets. There is a lot of humour in the show, and so far adults have really enjoyed it."

The family friendly show will start at 2pm and tickets cost £6 for adults or £4 for children.

• Actress Emma Vickery (Picture by Pamela Raith)

Talent on show

VARIETY: An open mic night will take place at Central Studio in Basingstoke on Friday, November 25.

The Cliddesden Road venue will welcome comedians, singers, songwriters, poets and many more to share their talent.

The free event starts at 8pm.

Nish Kumar

COMEDY: Stand-up comedian Nish Kumar performs his show about history, democracy and capitalism at The Forge this evening.

'Actions Speak Louder Than Words, Unless You Shout The Words Real Loud' is the latest offering from the Edinburgh Comedy Award 2015 nominee.

The show starts at 8pm.

Simply Gershwin

MUSIC AND DANCE: A night of music celebrating George and Ira Gershwin will take place at The Anvil on Friday, November 25.

'Simply Gershwin' will features songs such as 'Someone to Watch Over Me,' 'Porgy and Bess' and 'A Foggy Day in London Town'.

The show will also include ballroom and tap dancers.

Tickets cost from £31.50 to £38.50 and starts at 7.45pm.

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Wed, Nov 16 – Sat, Nov 19
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
THE FULLY MONTY
The American musical version of the hit film The Full Monty comes to town for the very first time in this production by the award-winning-Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society.
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Wed, Nov 16, 7.30pm
Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon
LEGEND OF TARZAN
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Thu, Nov 17, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
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Bowie Experience is a spectacular concert featuring all of David Bowie's hits, celebrating the music of the world's greatest pop icon.
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Fri, Nov 18, 7.45pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
EDWINA HAYES
Edwina Hayes is now a well established name on both the British and Nashville acoustic music scene.
Born in Dublin, and now based in Yorkshire, Edwina's beautifully crafted songs and natural stage presence are leading her to some of the UK's finest stages.
Her debut album Out On My Own included Clive Gregson, Dr Hook's Dennis Locorriere and Christine Collister among its guest musicians.
Her solo shows are a pleasing blend of well crafted songs - beautifully sung and played – coupled with a natural charm that audiences everywhere find appealing.

Sat, Nov 19, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
ROVING CROWS
A vibrant, unique mix of Celtic-inspired fiddle and original song backed by pounding, energetic tribal and electronica infused dance grooves.
The band comprises fiddle, guitar, bass, percussion and vocals.
Roving Crows are an original must-see act, with roots in Folk and Celtic music.
Renowned for their high-energy live performance, their shows pull together funked up traditional tunes and catchy original song.
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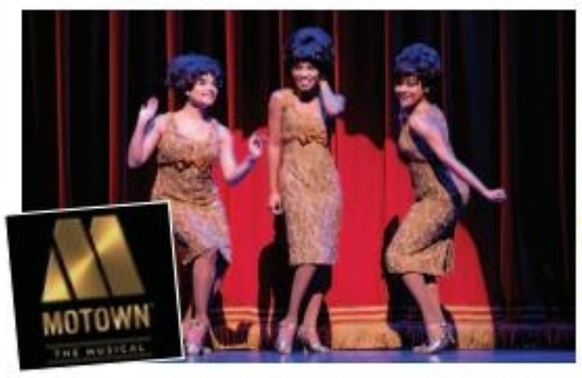

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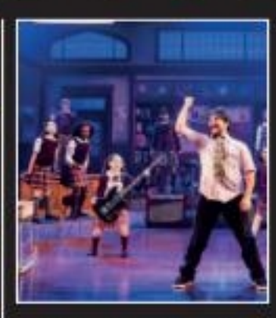
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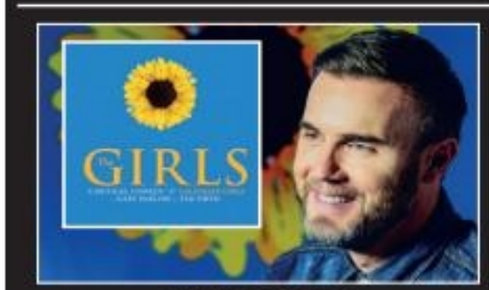

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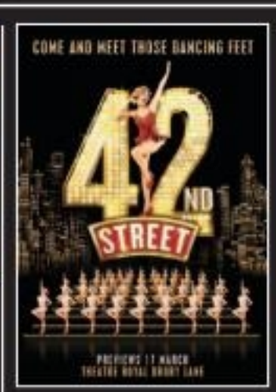

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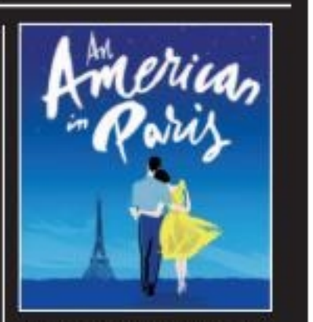

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Hyundai proves to be a surprise

I HAVE not tested a Hyundai in a while so I thought it was about time I did. The car you see before you is the i20 Coupe which in my book looks ok but does not ignite my fire as much as some other brands. However, it turned out to be better than I expected it to be and I would say that it's a much better buy than a Vauxhall Corsa in a like-for-like comparison.

By **Anthony Yates**

Power and Efficiency:

My test car was fitted with the new 3-cylinder T-GDi DOHC 1.0 litre petrol engine that has 120ps and 171Nm of torque, and a top speed of about 118mph. It replaces some of Hyundai's older engines which were slow and not very powerful at all.

You also have another two petrol engines to choose from in the form of an 84ps, 1.2-litre 4-cylinder or 100ps 1.0-litre, T-GDi 3-cylinder. The 120ps engine fitted in my test car was actually very refined for a 3 cylinder and, if it was me, I would always opt for the more powerful engine because 'more is better'. Also in the 120ps version you get a decent six-speed manual gearbox as standard instead of a five-speed you would get in the 84ps or 100ps for that matter. Fuel economy is also good and I achieved a figure of about 54.4mpg (combined).

On the road:

As I expected, the i20 is easy to drive around town and the same can be said for motorway driving. The ride quality is not what I would of liked it to be, but then for a car only costing about 16k I can't expect too much. What I will say, though, is that it felt good into the corners and the suspension dealt with most surfaces with ease and although the ride itself was a little choppy it was actually very good.

Design & Technology:

On the outside, the i20 looks relatively elegant but then when you get to the inside it really is quite bland. Maybe I am being over critical, but in the past I have said this about VW and Seat because they also produce some bland interiors on some of their models. So, the i20 is not that nice on the inside – but it is practical and you do get quite an assortment of kit fitted as standard in the Sport Nav line-up.

Some of the standard kit on the i20 Sport Nav includes DAB radio and seven speakers, 17" alloy wheels, auto headlights & wipers, cruise control, 6 airbags, ABS with ESP & ESS, 7" touchscreen satellite navigation with rear view camera and LED daytime running lights.

To sum up:

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Owusu's strike sets Town on path to Trophy victory

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE Town booked their place in the next round of the FA Trophy with an away win on Saturday.

A Nana Owusu stunner set 'Stoke on their way to a convincing 3-0 win over Evo-Stik Southern Premier rivals Dorchester Town.

They then struck twice more through Aaron Redford's penalty and a Sam Deadfield strike in the second half to book a third qualifying round tie away to Bath City.

The cup competitions have provided a welcome distraction from the league for Town this season, with their previous encounter against Fleet Town in the Southern League Cup last Tuesday seeing them emerge with a 4-1 win.

But they were put under the cosh from the very first minute at The Avenue Stadium at the weekend, with keeper Alex Tokarczyk producing a stunning save to turn Nathan Walker's header around the post early on.

And the 'Stoke stopper was also forced into action to deny Tom Blair, while he was thankful to see Lewis Morgan's curling effort clip the outside of the post, as the Magpies bossed the game.

But for all of the home side's pressure, they went into the break a goal down as, with just two minutes of the half remaining, substitute Owusu curled a beauty of a free kick into the top corner from 25 yards out.

That would prove to be the turning point of the game, as 'Stoke carried on their momentum after the break to win a spot kick, as Redford just beat keeper Shane Murphy to the ball, before being brought down.

The striker then confidently fired home the 54th minute penalty to put the visitors 2-0 up.

Two more fine stops from Tokarczyk then preserved 'Stoke's two-goal advantage after that, as he swatted away goal-bound efforts from Morgan and Dorchester's player-manager Mark Jermyn.

Basingstoke would be much more clinical in front of goal however, and put the cherry on the top of a superb away performance in injury time, as Deadfield's daisy-cutter flew past Murphy, and into the corner of the net.

• *Nana Owusu broke the deadlock with a superb 25-yard free kick (Picture by Daniel Murphy)*

Basingstoke are next in action this Saturday, when they will host Stratford Town in the league.

Bison boss praises big wins

BASINGSTOKE Bison's head coach hailed his side's two wins over the weekend as a "very good sign" for the future.

The Herd scored a massive 16 goals over the weekend to reaffirm their position in fourth place in the English Premier League (EPL).

While Doug Sheppard was pleased with his side's 5-2 win at home to Manchester Phoenix on Saturday, the highlight of the weekend came when they battered Sheffield Steeldogs 11-6 the following evening.

Just like two weeks earlier, Basingstoke went into the double header still smarting from a defeat to Guildford Flames in the previous game.

But after seeing his side respond in perfect fashion to seal a fifth four-point weekend of the season, and 11th win in 13 matches, the Bison boss was quick to sing his side's praises.

"I'm pleased with a good four-point weekend," said Sheppard.

"We've scored 16 goals over the weekend, and scoring has been well spread, so that's a very good sign.

"We're looking forward to a good week of practice, and taking on Milton Keynes Lightning at home next Saturday."

• *Doug Sheppard (Picture by grantkingphotography.com)*

Collard set for step-up

• *Ricky Collard*

RICKY Collard could be set to make another step up in class, after being chosen to represent BMW in the DTM rookie test taking place in Jerez, Spain, later this month.

The Hook driver's participation in the German Touring Car Masters would see him progress above British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) racing dad, Rob, despite being just 20.

Collard has had two years to remember, firstly finishing as runner-up in the 2015 British Formula 4 championship, before then ending his first season with team Carlin at British Formula 3 as vice-champion.

The testing at Jerez will take place between November 29 and December 2, with BMW's other pick seeing them call up European Formula 3 rookie champion Joel Eriksson.

Sport Bites

Hockey wins

HOCKEY: There were victories for both Basingstoke Hockey Club's men's and ladies' 1sts over the weekend.

A brace from Graham Lang, and a goal from Grant Rouse saw them beat Wanderers 3-2, with Joe Bond and Dave Stewart scoring for the hosts on Saturday.

And the ladies' side also ended the day victorious, as they beat Havant 1sts 2-1 at Down Grange to move two points clear at the top of the South Women's League Division 2.

The men's 2nds were beaten 2-0 at home to Salisbury 2nds, and the ladies' beat Southampton 2nds 3-1 on the road.

The 4ths and 5ths completed a clean sweep for the ladies' teams, as they beat Chichester and Haslemere 2-0 and 4-0 respectively.

Back in action

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC will return to action after a week off on Saturday, keen to carry on their recent hot streak.

After three successive relegations, there hasn't been much for 'Stoke fans to shout about over the last few years.

But Gareth Hatherley-Hurford's side have been in inspired form in London Three South West, winning each of their last four matches to move up to fourth in the table.

The 6-5 win over Eastleigh on November 5 followed three bonus point wins that saw them ground 21 tries and claim a massive 147 points.

Next up for Basingstoke RFC is a home tie with Teddington at Down Grange on Saturday.

Not chosen

MOTORSPORT: Hook racer Rob Collard has not been chosen among the 10 best British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) drivers from last year.

The West Surrey Racing (WSR) driver won two races, and claimed six podiums, on his way to a fifth-placed finish in the standings, but did not feature in the Motorsport News poll, which saw team managers cast votes.

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Eleventh heaven for goal hungry Herd in Sheffield

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE Bison confirmed their best four-point weekend yet on Sunday by mercilessly putting Sheffield Steeldogs to the sword.

The reigning English Premier League (EPL) champions reached double figures for the first time this season, as they hammered Sheffield 11-6 on their own rink.

Ciaran Long led the scoring with a hat-trick on the night to keep the Herd in fourth position, after beating Manchester Phoenix 5-2 at the Basingstoke Arena 24 hours earlier.

The two wins helped the Stampede to their fifth four-point weekend of the season already, to put their disappointing loss at home to Guildford Flames on Bonfire Night behind them.

Basingstoke went into Sunday's tie having won each of their three matches against the Steeldogs this year, but found themselves trailing within 44 seconds to Timothy Smith's goal.

But on a night where it looked like they would score with every attack, Bison hit back within just 14 seconds through captain Aaron Connolly's first goal.

Despite their good start, the Steeldogs found themselves 2-1 down by the first buzzer, after Tomas Karpov scored with 5:01 on the clock.

The game then exploded into life, as Long scored the first of nine goals in the period on 23:14, with Karpov then making it 4-1 just 11 seconds later.

With Sheffield's defence all over the place, Connolly grabbed his side's fifth on 24:02, while Adrian Palak and Liam Kirk then closed the gap to 5-3 for the hosts, before another minute had elapsed.

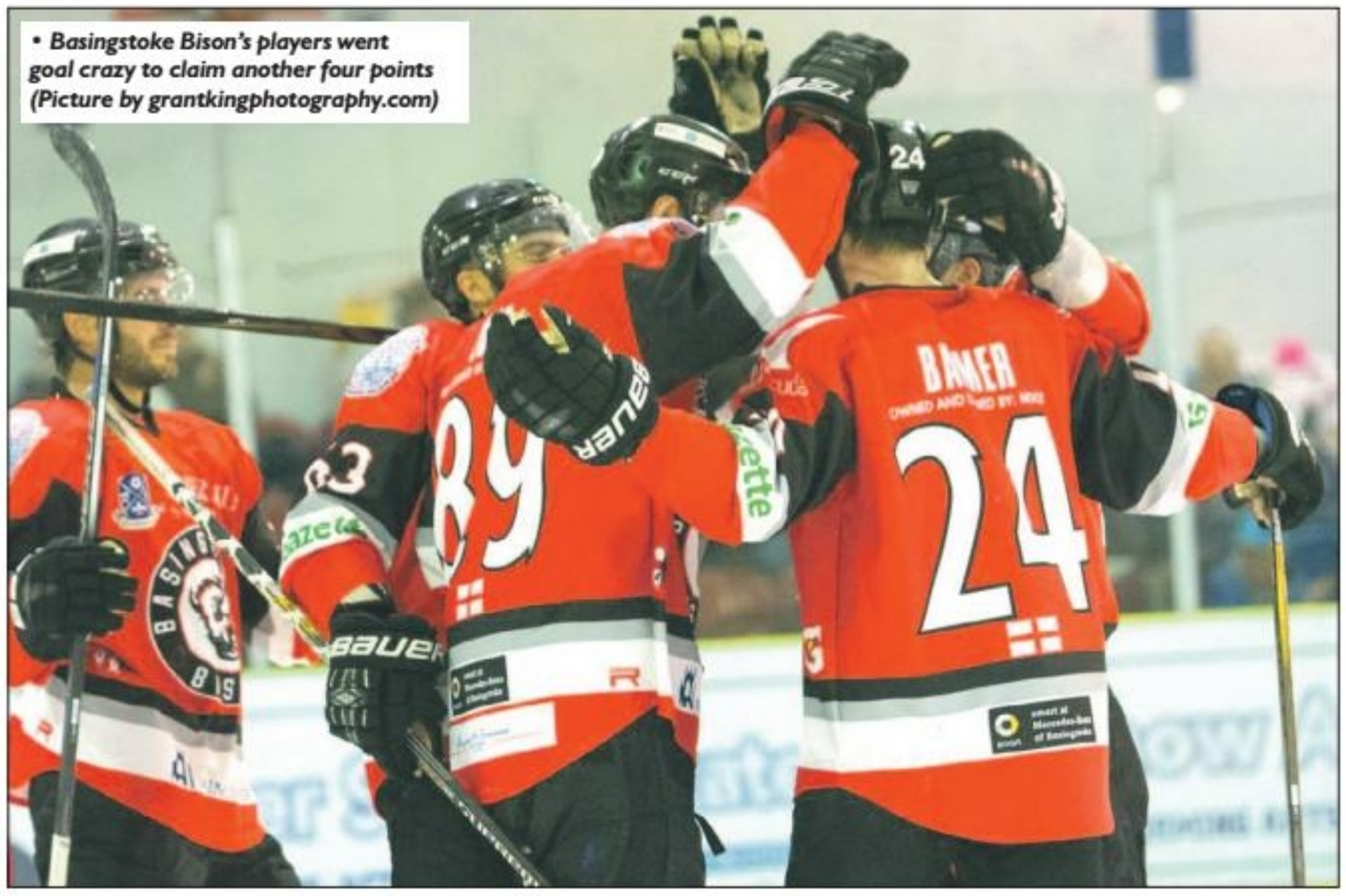
Pavel Mrna then netted a shorthand goal on 30:17 to bring Steeldogs back to one goal behind.

That was as close as they would come though, as Long, Grant Rounding and Shaun Thompson all then scored before the next buzzer sounded.

Up 8-4, Bison kept their foot down on the pedal in the third period, with Long claiming his hat-trick within 36 seconds, and Daniel Lackey and Sheffield's Greg Wood trading goals to make it 10-5.

Vanya Antonov claimed the Herd's 11th of the night with a delayed penalty on 58:14, with even Smith's second goal 18 seconds from time doing nothing to take the sheen off a superb result.

Saturday's win over Manchester was not as convincing as the score might suggest – even before they conceded twice late on.



• Basingstoke Bison's players went goal crazy to claim another four points (Picture by grantkingphotography.com)

Antonov broke the deadlock with 14:23 played with the only goal of the first period, with Declan Balmer then scoring on the powerplay on 33:02.

Karpov notched a brace either side of the buzzer, while Derek Roehl collected a fifth on 45:22, before Gareth O'Flaherty and Joni Tuominen then scored for the struggling Phoenix to make it 5-2.

Basingstoke are next in action on Saturday, when they will host high-flying Milton Keynes Lightning.

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